(c) During the oil year 1989. 90 (November—October) a quantity of 6. 07 lakh tonnes has been imported for supply through Public Distribution System. Considering the sensitive nature of the edible oil market it is not desirable in the public interest to disclose the likely import during the period February—May, 1991 and from where the purchases/imports would be made.

Lower tariff rates for carrying Iron Ore

1234. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iron Ore from Hospet, Bellary to Madras and Mor-mugao harbours is carried by the railways by special point *to* point rates which are lower than tariff rates;

(b) if so, what is the subsidy or loss borne by the railways annualy on account of these special rates from the year 1980 to 1990;

(c) what are the annual figures of freight carried in terms of quantity from 1980 to 1990; and

(d) whether Government pays subsidies to railways or railways are forced to bear the burden of loss due to below tariff rates ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Iron Ore meant for export from Hospet— Bellary sector to Madras and Mormugao harbours is carried at a rate lower than the tariff rate from 1-12-1986.

(b) and (c) The quantum of export Iron Ore carried from 1980 to 1990 and the estimated revenue forgone from 1-12-1986 are as under: —

Year	Quantum of traffic carried (Million Tonnes)	Estimated Revenue forgone (Crores of rupees)
1980-81.	3-89	
1981-82.	3-63	
1982-83.	3-26	
1983-84.	3-31	
1984-85.	4-27	
1985-86.	4-99	
1986-87.	5 82	2-98 (from Dec. 1986 to March 1987)
1987-88.	5 68	9 82
1988-89.	5 88	28- 00
1989-90.	5 95	26 77
1990-91. (upto Jan. 91)		22. 90

(d) No subsidy is paid by the Government to the Railways to compensate the revenue forgone.

Changes in the National Housing Policy

1235. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the real estate business in the country is a prime generator of black money, estimated to be Rs. 40, 000 crores annually;

(b) if so, whether Government have since drafted a housing policy to curb the generation of black money; and

(c) if so, the broad features of the policy and the action being contemplated in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) There is no official estimate of the amount of black money in the country. However, the National Institute of the Public Finance and Policy had estimated the total amount of black money in the economy in the year 1983-84 between Rs. 31584 crores to Rs. 36786 crores at factor cost of which the share of real estate sector in rsepect of Bombay, Madras and Delhi was around Rs. 972 crores. These estimates are, tentative.

(b) and (c) The draft National Housing Policy envisages certain fiscal and other measures to curb speculation and profiteering in real estate such as taxing vacant land, luxury housing etc. and channeling of black money for social purposes like slum clearance and housing for lower and middle income groups.

Imported seeds as a source of unknown crop diseases

1236. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gotvernment agencies as well as private agencies are importing thousands of tonnes of seeds every month in the country;

(b) if so, whether some experts from the International Potato Centre (IPC) have cautioned the seeds importing agen cies that such seeds may be a source of hitherto unkonwn diseases everal years later;

(c) whether due to liberalised seeds import policy, the new diseases of crops or seeds may come in the country; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and whether ICAR proposes to test the imported seeds before use ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) No, Sir During 1990 only 81. 189 metric tonnes of seeds were cleared for import by Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage.

(b) No specific advice has been received by Government of India from the International Potato Centre.

(c) The New Policy on Seed Development provides for adequate plant protection and quarantine provision to pri-elude the entry of exotic pests and diseases into the country.

(d) The question does not arise.

राष्ट्रीय आय में कृषि के भाग में कमी

1237. **श्री शिवप्रसाद चनपुरिया :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ग्रामीण उद्योगों का नेटवर्क न होने के कारण राष्ट्रीय आय में कृषि क्षेत्र का भाग 1984-85 में 36.9 प्रतिशत था ; 1989-90 में 32.5 प्रतिशत और सन् 2000 तक इसके 25.5 प्रतिशत तक कम हो जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ख) राष्ट्रीय आय में कृषि क्षेत्र के भाग में गिरावट से ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था में कितने प्रतिशत कमी आई है और ग्रामीण लोगों की प्रति व्यक्ति औसत आय कितनी है ?